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1. SED headquarters organization on Land/Province level is as follows:

A. Secretariat

B. Organization Section (Organisationsabteilung)

- a. Party organization
- b. Organization of factory groups (Betriebsgruppen)
- c. Statistics
- d. Party literature enterprises

C. Personnel Policy Section (Personalpolitische Abteilung)

- a. Table of organization; promotion and appointment of officials.
- b. Government, industry, agriculture, justice, and police
- c. Trade unions, cooperatives, and culture
- d. Women and youth
- e. Investigations and arbitration board

D. Recruitment, Training and Information (Werbung, Schulung, Information)

- a. Party schools
- b. Mass agitation
- c. Press, radio, and information
- d. Records and library

E. Culture and Education (Kultur und Erziehung)

- a. Schools (Schule) and education
- b. Universities (Hochschule) & scientific studies, art, and sport

F. Economic Section (Wirtschaftsabteilung)

- a. Industry, finance, and technology (Kammer der Technik)
- b. Trade and supply
- c. Handicrafts

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- d. Communications (Verkehr)
- e. Cooperatives

G. Agriculture (Landwirtschaft)

- a. Farm management and food economy
- b. Farm organizations
- c. Land reform and resettlement
- d. Assistance to farmers, farming, and building

H. Labor and Social Welfare (Arbeit und Sozialfürsorge)

- a. Minimum wages and work conditions
- b. Social welfare
- c. Refugees, PW's, and Victims of Fascism
- d. Health

I. Administration & Public Affairs

- a. Land government
- b. Local government
- c. Building and public enterprises
- d. Justice and Police

J. Women's Secretariat (Frauensekretariat)

- a. Local women's committees
- b. Enterprises and trade unions
- c. Press and radio

K. Youth Secretariat (Jugendsekretariat)

- a. Free German Youth (Freie Deutsche Jugend organization)
- b. Recruitment and training
- c. Youth welfare and legislation

L. Treasury (Kasse)

- a. Establishment of the treasury organization and training
- b. Treasury funds

M. Business Section (Geschäftsabteilung)

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2. Headquarters organization on the Kreis level according to Source I exactly parallels that of the Land organization except for the following differences:

- a. The Organization Section subdivision "statistics" labeled 1, B, c, above, includes files and new members, in addition to statistics.
- b. The Personnel Section subdivision "government, industry, agriculture, justice, and police" (labeled 1, C, b, above) does not in the Kreis organization include justice and police. The subdivision "trade unions, cooperatives, and culture" referred to as 1, C, c, includes at the Kreis level also women and youth.
- c. The Culture and Education Section subdivisions on Kreis level are as follows:

Schools, training and scientific studies.
Art.
Sport.

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- d. The Administration and Public Affairs on Kreis level has only two subdivisions: one for Kreis and local government, and one for justice and police.
- e. On the Kreis level the Treasury and Business Sections are combined, but this Kreis Section includes only 1) establishment of the treasury organization and training, 2) Treasury funds, and 3) administration.

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These discrepancies may of course be the result of copying errors on the part of the Source.

3. Another Source submitted an SED headquarters breakdown for Kreis Dresden. The Kreis Executive Committee is composed of thirty party members, eight of whom form the Secretariat. There are two Kreis chairmen, who bear all political responsibility, and do not belong to any Section. The Kreis Dresden headquarters is further broken down as follows:

- A. The Organization Section is headed by a chief of Section, a deputy chief of Section, two assistants for factory affairs, two assistants for personnel policy (Personalpolitische Arbeiten), and one assistant for statistics. It is composed of the following commissions (Kommissionen):
 - a. General Commission. This includes the organizational leaders (Organisationsleiter) of the Work Districts (Arbeitsgebiete), members of the Kreis Executive Committee's Organization Section, and the Kreis Organization Section's staff of instructors.
 - b. Commission for residence district groups.
 - c. Commission for statistics
 - d. Commission for party officials
 - e. Commission for administrative personnel
 - f. Commission for economic officials
 - g. Party court
 - h. Investigation commission (Untersuchungskommission)
 - i. Commission for party trainees
 - j. Commission for questions pertaining to membership of former Nazis (Kommission für Pg.-Fragen)
- B. The Administration and Public Affairs Section (Abteilung Verwaltung und Kommunalpolitik), with chief and deputy chief of Section, is composed of the following:
 - a. General Commission. This includes the chief of the Kreis Executive Committee's Administration and Public Affairs Section, the chiefs of the Administration and Public Affairs Sections of the Work Districts, and the chiefs of the individual commissions.
 - b. Commission for Landgemeinde
 - c. Commission for administration of the city
 - d. Commission for construction of housing, "reconstruction/city planning"
 - e. Commission for Justice
 - Sub-commission for jurors
 - Sub-commission for justices of the peace (Friedensrichter)
 - Sub-commission for carrying out of sentences
 - f. Commission for police affairs (Polizeifragen)
 - g. Commission for church affairs
 - h. Commission for refugees and PW's

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C. The Economic Section, headed by a chief and deputy chief, contains these subdivisions:

- a. General Commission: This includes the economic chiefs of the Work Districts and the chiefs of the individual commissions.
- b. Commissions for the following: publicly owned enterprises; municipally owned enterprises; private industry; iron and metals; stones and soils; wood; chemicals; textiles; printing and paper; leather and tobacco; building; financial and tax questions; fuels; economic planning; price policy; railroads, postal service and communications; cooperatives; and handicrafts.

D. Labor and Welfare Policy (Arbeit und Sozialpolitik) is headed by a chief and deputy chief and includes:

- a. Commission for trade union questions
- b. Commission for social welfare policy
- c. Commission for health
- d. Commission for labor office (Arbeitsamt)
- e. Commission for insurance

E. The Agriculture and Food Section (Landwirtschaft und Ernährung), with chief and deputy chief, has the following subdivisions:

- a. Commission for farm cooperatives
- b. Commission for farmers' mutual aid (gegenseitige Bauernhilfe)
- c. Commission for forestry and "Teichwirtschaft"
- d. Commission for cultivation and planning
- e. Commission for small-scale farming and produce marketing

F. Trade and Supply (Handel und Versorgung), headed by a chief and deputy chief, includes:

- a. Commission for wholesale and retail marketing
- b. Commission for supply
- c. Commission for consumers' cooperatives

G. The Recruitment and Training Section (Erbauung und Schulung) is staffed at the top by a chief, deputy chief and an assistant. Its subdivisions are:

- a. General Commission. This includes the chief of the Kreis Executive Committee's Recruitment and Training Section, the chiefs of Work District Recruitment and Training Sections, and the chiefs of this Section's other commissions.
- b. Commission for speakers (Referenten) and training material
- c. Commission for membership training
- d. Commission for training the masses
- e. Commission for mass agitation
- f. Commission for pictures and placards
- g. Commission for recruitment

H. The Culture and Education Section, headed by a chief and deputy chief, has these subdivisions:

- a. General Commission
- b. Commission for teachers and grammar schools (Volksschulen)

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- c. Commission for secondary and higher schools
- d. Commission for university affairs
- e. Commission for public high-schools (Volkshochschulen)
- f. Commission for parents' committees
- g. Commission for cultural society affairs (Kulturbund-fragen)
- h. Commission for sports
- i. Commission for cinema and stage
- j. Commission for music
- k. Commission for art
- l. Commission for museums and zoos

I. The Women's Affairs Section, with chief and deputy chief, has the following commissions:

- a. General Commission
- b. Commission for women's committees

J. The Youth Section is headed by a chief of Section alone, and includes:

- a. General Commission
- b. Commission for press and radio
- c. Commission for children's affairs
- d. Commission for youth training

K. The Finance Section (Finanzen) has a chief and two commissions:

- a. General Commission (establishment of the treasury organization)
- b. Commission for auditing

L. For the Business Section, Source lists only the chief of Section.

M. For the Literature and Book Section (Literaturvertrieb und Bucherei) Source lists only a chief and a deputy chief of Section.

4. Work Districts. The SED now calls the Stadtteile (boroughs) "Work Districts". These six Work Districts are at the same time the Ortsgruppen of Dresden. In the Work Districts of the Landkreis, the suburban Ortsgruppen directorate is at the same time the directorate of the whole Work District. The Work District Secretariat consists of seven party members. The Executive Committee likewise consists of these seven party members and the chairmen of the Stadtgruppen (chairmen of the Dorfgruppen in the case of the Landkreis).
5. Stadtgruppen. Again the Secretariat consists of seven party members. The members of the Secretariat and the chairmen of the residence district groups and factory groups form the Executive Committee. The large Ortsgruppen of Landkreis Dresden, such as Radeberg, Freital, Radebeul, Klotzsche, and Niederselitz, must be subdivided into Stadtgruppen.
6. The basic units of the party are the residence district groups and the factory groups; all party activity is concentrated in these. Only in exceptional cases can several residence groups be united in one meeting. This is also true of the large factory groups -- there party life is concentrated in the division groups (Abteilungsgruppen), and only in serious cases is the whole large factory group called together for an assembly.

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